

Glastonbury Festival

Glastonbury Festival is the largest open air music and arts festival in the world. It became an example which other festivals followed. Of course, Glastonbury is **best known** for modern music, but its programme also includes dance, comedy, theatre, circus and other arts.

The festival organiser, Michael Eavis, was a common farmer. In 1970 he visited an open air concert which greatly **impressed** him. So he decided to organise a big festival outdoors in the same year. He knew, it wouldn't bring any money, but it didn't matter. At the first festival there were more than one thousand people. Each of them paid £1 for the ticket. The price also **included** free milk from the farm. Later on, the festival took place almost every year and grew in size and **audience**.

The festival **takes place** in southwest England on a farm. It's a beautiful and mystical place called the Valley of Avalon. It **is surrounded with** a lot of legends, symbols, myths, and religious traditions dating back many hundreds of years. Legends say that here King Arthur's sword was made and the king himself was buried there. **No wonder** that the main stage of the festival, Pyramid Stage, has the form of a pyramid. Many believe that this is a very powerful structure, which gets energy from the stars and gives it to people.

In many ways, Glastonbury is like a mix of different festivals, which take place in the countryside and **last for** a weekend. Each area of the festival has its own character, its own fans and its own special **attractions**. For example, dance lovers go to the Dance Village. There is also a big cinema area, Theatre and Circus. Children can have fun in the Kids' Field. Some people spend the whole weekend in their favourite area. However, most of them prefer walking about and trying lots of different things.

Most people who stay at Glastonbury Festival live in tents. There are lots of different camping areas, each one with its own atmosphere. You can choose where to stay: in a quiet place or a lively one. There are also places for families and **disabled people**. Anyway, you should remember to bring a tent with you. Of course, it's possible **to rent** one, but it's quite expensive.

Glastonbury Festival **supports** Greenpeace and has a number of programmes. There are hundreds of rubbish bins on the territory. All cans, glass, paper, electrical and electronic equipment, wood and waste **are separated and recycled**. Visitors are asked to clean after themselves and not to leave rubbish. The festival supports those who come by public transport or by bicycle, not by car.

If you're thinking about visiting Glastonbury, you should **book tickets in advance**. Today an **average** ticket is about £200 for three days which is quite expensive. **Nevertheless** the tickets are sold out in two or three hours. So be quick to catch them. There are usually more people wishing to get to the festival than tickets.

1) Michael Eavis was fond of country music. 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

2) Michael Eavis started the festival to earn money. 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

3) Nowadays Glastonbury festival is held in King Arthur's museum. 1) True 2) False 3) NS

4) Famous musicians and singers take part in Glastonbury Festival. 1) True 2) False 3) NS

5) During the festival all the visitors stay in the nearby country inns. 1) True 2) False 3) NS

6) Glastonbury Festival is an environmentally-friendly event. 1) True 2) False 3) Not stated

7) It's recommended to reserve tickets to Glastonbury Festival beforehand. 1) Tr 2) F 3) NS

